**ABOUT VIEWPOINTS**

Viewpoints is a JISC-funded curriculum design project which aims to help teams/teachers create innovative, learner-centred course designs.

**HOW IT WORKS?**

The Viewpoints project has created themed workshops and reflective resources to inform, inspire and help practitioners plan effective curriculum designs. Workshops are focused around four main areas: assessment and feedback, information skills, learner engagement and creativity and innovation. Each theme is underpinned by well-established pedagogical approaches.



They provide a series of simple, user-friendly reflective tools/prompts that promote a creative and effective approach to the curriculum design process and help teams/teachers think about important stages for their students at different points on the learner timeline.

**WORKSHOP BENEFITS**

*“The Viewpoints workshop process offers an innovative and successful way to engage course teams in meaningful dialogue about curriculum design”. (*[David Nicol, 2012](http://wiki.ulster.ac.uk/download/attachments/23200594/VIEWPOINTS%2BEVALUATION_Final_dn.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1360154381000)).

*“The workshops are short and sweet (1-2 hours) and use best practice resources to help practitioners reflect on and develop their curricula. Information is organised into topics and issues and actions recorded on a large laminate sheet”.* [(UG-Flex Project, Greenwich)](http://ugflex.blogspot.co.uk/2010/06/report-back-on-viewpoints-project.html).

*“I think you come out of the Viewpoints workshop with a different perspective, a different way of thinking. I think it leads to greater openness amongst the course team – the cards encourage that sort of open discussion and willingness to share and change....This continues after the workshop.”* ([Viewpoints Participant](http://jiscdesignstudio.pbworks.com/w/page/60261367/Curriculum%20Design%20at%20the%20University%20of%20Ulster)).

*“The potential to use this in my institution is great – it helps the dialogue about designing the curriculum”* ([Viewpoints External Participant](http://wiki.ulster.ac.uk/download/attachments/23200594/table%2B2.docx?version=1&modificationDate=1349376720000)).

**FURTHER INFORMATION**Viewpoints project: <http://viewpoints.ulster.ac.uk>
Viewpoints resources: <http://wiki.ulster.ac.uk/display/VPR/Home>

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